

June 11, 2002: Adjourned

An adjourned meeting of the Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, from the regular meeting of May 28, 2002, was held in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building at 6:00 p.m., June 11, 2002.

Members present: Mayor G. Michael Shelton; Councilman Larry D. Brookshier; Councilwoman Mary L. Flood; Vice Mayor E. Thomas Messier; Councilman Thomas M. Padgett; Councilman Robert T. Wandrei; and Councilman W. D. Tharp.

Members absent: None

Staff present: City Manager F. Craig Meadows; City Attorney W. W. Berry, IV; and Clerk of the Council Teresa W. Hatcher.

Mayor Shelton called the meeting to order and stated the purpose of the meeting was for a work session on the proposed FY 2002-03 budget.

Discussion ensued regarding various items in the proposed budget.

It was the consensus of Council to amend the proposed cigarette tax ordinance to reflect a tax of 20 cents per pack instead of 30 cents per pack.

It was the consensus of Council to keep the personal property tax rate at \$1.80 per one hundred dollars of one hundred per centum (100%) of assessed value.

It was the consensus of Council to remove \$39,000 from the Electric Fund for the automated meter reading system and for those funds to be included in the transfer from the Electric Fund to the General Fund, which would increase the contingency.

It was the consensus of Council to deobligate the \$100,000 in the Water & Sewer Fund for the automated meter reading system and hold those funds in contingency for further consideration.

On motion by Vice Mayor Messier, seconded by Councilman Padgett, voted upon and carried unanimously, Council restricted the funds in the proposed FY 2002-03 budget for the National D-Day Memorial to be used only for the retirement of debt.

Further discussion ensued.

Mr. Ted Cole, Associate Vice President, Davenport & Company LLC, reviewed a proposal for the City to issue general obligation public improvement refunding bonds to refund all or a port of the outstanding 1987 General Obligation School Bonds and the 1993 General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds. Davenport & Company recommended that the City issue and sell a single issue of general obligation public improvements refunding bonds in the maximum principal amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.

Mr. Cole reviewed the savings the City would realize if it issued the refunding bonds.

This item is on the agenda of the June 11 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Mayor Shelton adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.